ported formulations like Adriyamicin and polio vaccine are being received reportedly due to their scarc$_e$ availability in th$_e$ international market.

**Losses incurred by State Electricity Boards**

1901. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; SHRI SHANKER SINH VA-GHELA;

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) th$_e$ accumulated losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during each of the last three years $_a$nd the current year.

(b)i what has been the performance of the various State Electricity Boards in th$_e$ latest year as regards delays in project implementation and their high costs, low plant-load factor, transmission and distribution losses, levels of consumption of coal and oil, excessive auxiliary consumption over-staffing, surplus inventory, industrial relations and Jack of financial discipline;

(c) what are the names of States where consumers are regularly receiving reliable power supply within the accepted norms of valtag$_e$ and frequency; and

(d) what are the remedial measures suggested by the Andhra Pradesh Stat$_e$ Electricity Board Chairman in January last in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MAT$_4$ SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) As per available information the total cumulative losses *al* the State Electricity Boards as o$_n$ 31st March,' 1985, 31st March, 1986 and 31st March, 1987 have been estimated at about Rs. 1647.8 crores, Rs. 2181.50 crores snd Rs. 2748.40 crores respectively after taking into account rural electrifica-tio$_n$ subsidies as provided in the Board accounts.

(b) The information is being collected and will b$_e$ laid on th$_e$ Table of the House.

(c) Reliability of power supply within acceptable limits of voltage and frequency depends on many factors such as transmission & distribution system$_i$ reactiv$_e$ compensation, load and generation balance in th$_e$ integrated power systems at all points of time etc. Even within the State system voltag$_e$ conditions may vary in different areas. All efforts ar$_e$ being made by the Stat$_e$ Authorities to keep the voltage and frequency parameters within safe limits to th$_e$. extent possible. To further improve the quality of power supply, actio$_n$ is being taken by way of strengthening transmission and distribution systems, effective preventive maintenance, provision of required reactive compensation, enforcing grid discipline etc.

(d) In the Seminar organised by the National Council if Power Utilities in January, 1988, Chairman, APSEB made various suggestions which include increasing $_r$oie for Central Power Generating Corporations, need for a uniform tariff throughout tb$_e$ country, increased autonomy fo$_r$ the state Electricity Boa'rd^ separate organisation for power generation transmission fi om distribution, introduction of" uniform agricultural tariff throughout the country and supply of energy required by the agricultural sector from th$_e$ Central Generating Stations at that tariff etc.

**Appointment of ED Employees in Clerical Cadre**

1902. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will th$_e$ Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state-.

(a) whether there is any provision fo$_r$ making appointments against the vacancies of open quota in the departmental examination of the clerical i respect of those ED employees who have completed one year's service.